

**THE HISTORY
OF
LITTLE JACK.**



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LOS ANGELES



Little Jack was the son of William and Mary Brown, who lived at a cottage belonging to Sir William Worthy.

Jack was one of the best boys in the whole country, for he never went to bed, or got up in the morning, without kneeling down by his



bedside to say his prayers,
And he at last was called
King of the good boys.

As Little Jack grew
in years, he rose in the
esteem of every one
who knew him. Among

others he went to spend a Christmas, with the son of Sir William Worthy, a wealthy merchant. This gentleman was so highly pleased with Little Jack's disposition, and his learning, that he took him under his protection, and as soon as he arrived at a proper age, having occasion to send out a person to superintend some plantations which he possessed abroad, Little



Jack was fixed upon for that purpose.

A ship being provided, and every thing in readiness for the voyage, he set sail for these plantations, which were situated

in one of the east India Island.

They proceeded on their voyage for several weeks. When they had got near their port, they were over taken by a violent storm, and the ship struck upon a rock : when the storm began to abate, and the sea became tolerably calm, by the ebb of the tide the ship was much nearer land than when she first struck.



Little Jack now conceived hopes of gaining the shore, by means of a raft which he had constructed in the best manner he could : he let down his raft into the sea, and

placing himself on it, began to paddle toward the land, where he arrived safely.

Being one day greatly fatigued, by a fruitless pursuit after some wild goats, he sat himself down on the side of a hill and looking with desponding eyes towards the sea, he saw something like a sail at a great distance : after gazing attentively for several hours, he was



at last convinced that it was a ship. About five o'clock in the evening they came to anchor, and hoisting out their boat, rowed directly into a little creek near the edge of a wood,



where Little Jack had concealed himself. As soon as they had landed, perceiving that they were his countrymen, he discovered himself to them, and was received

Little Jack.

with kindness, and he found that they were going to the very same island for which he had been bound.

In about a week they again set sail, and arrived at their destined port without any further accident.

Little Jack immediately took upon him the care of Sir William Worthy's estate, and used such care in the manage-

ment of it, as rendered it double its value: he was then taken into partnership by Sir William. This good fortune, however, did not fill his mind with pride, he still continued the same affability to his inferiors which had marked his character in every sphere of life; nor did he pass unrewarded, for the governor of the island dying, the inhabitants directly



joined in a petition to the King, requesting him to appoint Little Jack his successor.

Though virtue is generally a poor recommendation at court, in this

instance it succeeded, and Little Jack was immediately appointed to the government of the island.

Little Jack, soon after he had succeeded to the government of the island, sent home to his parents the sum of £5000.

It would fill a volume to relate the numerous acts of justice, humanity, and benevolence, performed by him during his government; suffice it



therefore to say, that under so good a governor, the people enjoyed freedom, plenty, content, and happiness.

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